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I. AMENDMENT

- 20 A. In the Claims:
Please amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets. Sheets are provided showing both the changes made to the claims, and "clean" copies of the claims as amended.

II. REMARKS

- 25 A. Prosecution History
All Office Actions after the first non-final action of stand withdrawn, OFFICE ACTION (28 Sept. 2001). In response, Applicant hereby withdraws all papers submitted in response to the withdrawn Office Actions, except for the SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (25 April 2001).

The RULE 131 DECLARATION of 15 Feb. 2001 is objected to. Applicant respectfully withdraws it and replaces it with the enclosed RULE 1.131 DECLARATION.

- 30 B. Claim Amendments
Claims 6 and 17 stand allowable. OFFICE ACTION (28 Sept. 2001). These claims have thus been copied into a continuation application. To avoid a provisional double-patenting rejection, Applicant respectfully requests claims 6 and 17 be deleted from the immediate application.

- 35 Claims 5 and 16 stand newly rejected over 35 U.S.C. 112. The OFFICE ACTION says, "the actual amount in the 'drop' could be variable." OFFICE ACTION at 3 (28 Sept. 2001). Applicant thus amends claims 5 and 16 to exclude the term alleged to be vague.